

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction between:

Species I, as shown in Figures 1A, 1B, and 2;

Species II, as shown in Figures 1C and 2;

Species III, as shown in Figures 1A, 1B, and 3-5; and

Species IV, as shown in Figures 1C and 3-5.

Applicant has provisionally elected Species I with traverse. At least claims 1, 8-24, 49-51, 55 and 56 read on Species I.

Contrary to the Office Action's statement that no claim is generic, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is generic to Species I and II. Upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of additional Species which depend from or otherwise require all limitations of an allowable generic claim. Claim 7 of Species II, depends from claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is generic to claim 7. Further, claim 7 is the only claim of Species II not common to Species I and it would not be burdensome to consider claim 7 in addition to the claims of Species I. See MPEP § 803.

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Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider at least claim 7 along with the claims of Species I.

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